

HOUSE RESOLUTION 226

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION recognizing DeAunte Mason.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor those intrepid scholar-athletes who display a dedication, ability, and determination that bring honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, DeAunte Mason, a student at Pearl-Cohn Comprehensive Business Magnet High School, where he is ranked fifteenth academically in his graduating class, is one such individual, whose prowess on the field of play has garnered him a great deal of attention and acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason has started in the quarterback position for the Pearl-Cohn High School football team since his freshman year, a testament to his natural talent, which he first discovered when he started playing sports at a young age in an attempt to avoid trouble; and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated countless hours and no small amount of effort in developing those skills, and his hard work has been rewarded by the many awards he has received in the sports of football, basketball, and track; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, DeAunte Mason has been awarded several prestigious football awards, including the Offensive Most Valuable Player Award for the City of Nashville, the All-Region Most Valuable Player Award, the All-State Quarterback Award, and the coveted Mr. Football Award; he also became the first African-American quarterback from a Metropolitan Nashville public school in twenty-five years to receive a football scholarship to a Division I college; and

WHEREAS, these accolades are fitting recognition for the unwavering leadership, unflinching pursuit of excellence, and desire for victory he offered his team, and for his stellar

senior season, during which he accumulated 2,200 passing yards and 1,200 rushing yards, bringing his career totals up to 6,100 yards and 3,900 yards, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, DeAunte gave his life to Christ during a Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp in the summer of 2007, a decision he states “will always be the most important thing I have done in my life”; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Mr. Mason has stood as a leader among his peers both on and off the field of competition, and his successes thus far surely bode well for his future; and

WHEREAS, his parents, Vicky Mason and Art Tucker, are especially proud of him, and he is one young man who is wholly deserving of the proper recognition of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and commend DeAunte Mason for his contributions to the Pearl-Cohn High School football team, congratulate him on his many well-deserved awards, and offer our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.